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In re Patent Application of:

Hirano et al.

Application No. 10/041,791

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

) Group Art Unit: 2812

) Examiner: Richard A. Booth

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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 2, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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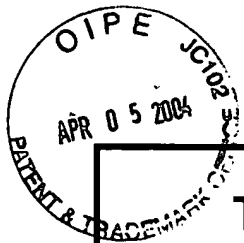
This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003.

Applicants respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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